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SUBJECT: NORTH VIETNAMESE DIRECTIVE ON DRV ECONOMY

SUMMARY: THE RECENT DIRECTIVE FROM THE DRV PREMIER'S OFFICE EMPHASIZED RESTORATION OF REPARABLE ECONOMIC INSTALLATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE, CALLING FOR A RESUMPTION OF PRODUCTION AT OR ABOVE WAR- TIME LEVELS. IT GIVES LOCAL MANAGMENT MORE DISCRETION IN ALLOCATING CAPTIAL AND MAKES HIGH- LEVEL CADRE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PRODUCTION GOALS.  
END SUMMARY.

1. HANOI RADIO BROADCAST ON MARCH 11 EXCERPTS FROM A DIRECTIVE " RECENTLY" ISSUED BY THE DRV PREMIER'S OFFICE. WHILE THE DIRECTIVE STRESSED THE NEED TO RESTORE AND, SIMULTANEOUSLY, TO DEVELOP THE NORTHERN ECONOMY, THE PASSAGES EXCERPTED FOCUS ENTIRELY ON BRINGING PRODUCTION UP TO OR ABOVE " WAR TIME" LEVELS, APPARENTLY MEANING THOSE LEVELS OBTAINED BEFORE THE DECEMBER US BOMBING CAMPAIGN.

2. THE DIRECTIVE CALLED UPON ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES TO MOBILIZE AVAILABLE MANPOWER TO THE UTMOST. WORKERS LAID OFF WHEN WAR CONDITIONS CAUSED SHUTDOWNS ARE TO BE CALLED BACK IMMEDIATELY. WHITE- COLLAR EMPLOYEES ARE TO WORK OVERTIME AND TO BE PAID " GOOD SUBSIDIES" FOR MANUAL LABOR SUCH AS CLEARING AWAY DEBRIS AND BUIDLING TEMPORARY HOUSING.

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3. ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTIVE, HIGH- LEVEL CADRES ARE TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE THAN BE FORE IN THE OPERATION OF ECONOMIC ENTERPRISES. PERSONNEL FROM THE MINISTRIES, GENERAL DEPARTMENTS, AND PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATIONS " MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RESTORATION OF PRODUCTION AND LIVELIHOOD" AT ONE OR MORE " KEY ENTERPRISES." THESE OFFICIALS " MUST BE PRESENT" AT THE PRODUCTION SITE TO " SOLVE PROBLEMS" AND TO " MOTIVATE, CONTROL, OR HELP" LOCAL MANAGEMENT. PRESUMABLY THEY WILL ALSO HELP TO ELIMINATE " BUREAUCRATIC METHODS AND RED TAPE," ANOTHER TASK SPECIFIED BY THE DIRECTIVE.

4. FOR THEIR PART, ENTERPRISE DIRECTORS WILL HAVE MORE AUTHORITY TO MAKE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THEIR CONCERNs. THEY ARE ALSO URGED TO REORGANIZE THEIR ENTERPRISES AND TO MAKE STAFF CHANGES WHERE THESE WOULD BOOST PRODUCTION.

5. THE DIRECTIVE DEMANDS AND END TO " WASTE AND CORRUPTION" IN MANAGEMENT OF THE ECONOMY. ITS EMPHASIS ON " RESTORING DISCIPLINE" SUGGESTS THAT THE DISLOCATIVE EFFECTS OF AMERICAN BOMBING INTERRUPTED THE STRICT CONTROL MEASURES UNDER WHICH DRV ECONOMIC INSTALLATIONS NORMALLY OPERATED AND AFFORDED LESS HONEST OFFICIALS AND WORKERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHEAT THE SYSTEM.

6. COMMENT: WHILE EXHORTATIONS TO WORK HARD AND HONESTLY ARE TOUTINE COMMODITIES IN HANOI PROPAGANDA, THIS HIGH- LEVEL TREATMENT OF BASIC WEAKNESSES IN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ECONOMY IS SOMEWHAT A RARITY. EMPHASIS ON RESTORING TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND DISTRIBUTION NETWORKS INDICATES THAT HANOI IS PREPARING ITS ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE TO HANDLE THE UNPRECEDENTED INFLOW OF FOREIGN AID ANTICIPATED DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THE DIRECTIVE'S UNMISTAKEABLE WARNING TO INEFFICIENT AND

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